

Telephone Assistance Program

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Lifeline & Link-up are federal programs that assist eligible consumers with local telephone service (not long-distance).

How can these programs benefit you?

Lifeline provides a monthly discount on basic local telephone service for eligible consumers and is available for only one phone line.

Link-up provides eligible consumers with discounts on connection charges for new local telephone service and may enable you to finance your portion of the connection charges interest-free for one year. The discount is available for only one telephone line per eligible home.

Are you eligible?

Consumers whose annual household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines and/or enrolled in one or more of the following assistance programs qualify for **Lifeline & Link-up** benefits:

- National School **FREE** Lunch Program
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Food Stamps
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8

The following conditions are required for the **Lifeline & Link-up** programs:

- 1) Telephone service must be listed in your name;
- 2) You cannot be listed as a dependent on another person's tax return; and
- 3) Telephone service must be your primary residence (not a business or second home).

How to apply?

Return the completed application on the reverse side to your phone company with documentation showing that your annual household income is at or below 135 percent of Federal Poverty Guidelines or you participate in at least one of the public assistance programs listed above. Call your local telephone company to find out what documentation is required.

For more information, call your local phone company. Indiana Telephone Assistance Program providers:

AT&T Indiana	1-888-285-7983	Ligonier Telephone	1-800-714-6353	S&W Telephone (TDS)	1-888-225-5837
Bloomington Home Telephone	1-765-498-2000	Merchants & Farmers Telephone	1-888-225-5837	Tipton Telephone	1-888-225-5837
Camden Telephone (TDS)	1-888-225-5837	Monon Telephone	1-800-531-7121	Tri-County Telephone (TDS)	1-888-225-5837
*Centennial Wireless	1-800-493-3121	Mulberry Telephone	1-765-296-2885	Verizon	1-800-483-3000
Century Telecom of Central Ind.	1-800-201-4099	*Nextel Partners	1-888-556-6111	Washington County RTC	1-812-967-3171
Century Telecom of Odon	1-800-201-4099	New Lisbon Telephone	1-765-332-2885	West Point Telephone	1-765-572-2488
Citizens Telephone	1-260-375-2111	New Paris Telephone	1-888-831-4678	Yeoman Telephone	1-574-965-2100
Clay County Rural Telephone Coop.	1-800-922-6677	NW Ind. Telephone (NITCO)	1-219-996-2981		
Communications Corp. of Ind.	1-888-225-5837	Perry-Spencer Telephone Coop.	1-812-357-2123		
Communications Corp. of So. Ind.	1-888-225-5837	Pulaski-White Telephone Coop.	1-800-760-0848		
Craigville Telephone	1-260-565-3131	Rochester Telephone	1-574-223-2191		
Daviess-Martin RTC	1-812-486-3211	*SEI Data	1-812-667-5100		
Frontier Comm. of Ind.	1-800-921-8101	Smithville Telephone	1-812-876-2211		
Frontier Comm. of Thorntown	1-800-921-8101	Southeastern Ind. RTC	1-888-200-8077		
Geetingsville Telephone	1-765-258-3111	SPRINT	1-800-877-4646		
*Hancock Communications	1-317-477-1234	*Sprint PCS	1-888-211-4727		
Hancock Rural Telecom	1-317-477-1234	Sunman Telephone	1-812-623-2122		
Home Telephone of Pittsboro	1-888-225-5837	Swayzee Telephone	1-765-922-7916		
Home Telephone (TDS)	1-888-225-5837	Sweetser Telephone	1-765-384-4311		

*Refers to competitive carriers that have received ETC designation from the State of Indiana for federal funding. Some of these include wireless carriers.

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How did you hear about this program?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family or friends | <input type="checkbox"/> Direct marketing (door-to-door, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Billboard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social service organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Bus signs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

1) I certify that I participate in the following programs (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> National School FREE Lunch Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid | <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Stamps | |

2) _____ I certify that I qualify because my annual household Income is at or below 135 percent of Federal Poverty Guidelines.

3) I also hereby certify that: my telephone service is listed in my name; I am not listed as a dependent on another person's tax return; and the address listed is my primary residence (not a second home or business).

4) If in the future I no longer participate in at least one of the programs above or qualify based on income, I will promptly notify my local telephone company.

5) I authorize my local telephone company or its representative to review any records required to verify these statements and to confirm my continued participation in these programs. I authorize representatives of these programs to discuss or provide copies of this application to my local telephone company to verify I participate in these programs and I am eligible for Lifeline or Link-Up.

6) I (we) affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing representations are true.

Applicant's Name _____

Home Address _____
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Telephone Number (if already established) _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

This application must be returned to your local phone company.

For Additional Information:

Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor

toll-free: 1-888-441-2494

voice/tdd: 1-317-232-2494

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

toll-free: 1-800-851-4268

tty/tdd: 1-317-232-8556

local: 1-317-232-2700